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- 1. EP 1 375 267 A2 (English abstract provided)
- 2. DE 195 37 619 A1 (English abstract provided)

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3. DE 102 61 622 A1 (English abstract provided)

4. DE 100 04 161 A1 (English abstract provided)

5. DE 102 29 033 A1 (English abstract provided)

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